

chicago coin club chatter

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8 P.M. in the Pine Room of the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH E. MERKEL, *President*

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481st Meeting

FEBRUARY, 1959

FEBRUARY MEETING

February is known far and wide as the "almost" month--one is almost finished paying Christmas bill, it is almost time to worry about paying income taxes and people everywhere say that winter is almost over.

However, it is known most for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. CCC members enjoy the February meeting particularly because of the many fine numismatic pieces pertaining to Lincoln and Washington which are exhibited. No matter how many times one has seen them, one always enjoys seeing and hearing about them again.

If you have any favorite coins or medals pertaining to February's famous sons, bring them on down to the meeting on February 11.

1959 COMMITTEES

After Mike Powills installed the new officers in January, President Joe Merkel rolled up his sleeves and went to work. The following people have been appointed to committees for 1959. The first name listed is the Chairman.

Attendance - Registration

Joseph Unseitig, Jr.

Auction Material

Philip J. More, Nathan N. Eglit,
Howard Ecklund

Auctioneers

Lee F. Hewitt, Harold R. Klein,
Thomas F. Shugrue

Banquet

Michael M. Dolnick, Glenn B. Smedley

Entertainment - Program

Hugh M. Knight, Michael Dolnick

Exhibits

William Hoppe

Finance & Audit

L. Cecil Love, J. Thomas Nolan

Grievance

Elston Bradfield, M. A. Powills,
Richard S. Yeoman

Ladies Activities

Mrs. Magdalena Jonas,
Mrs. August Hausske

Librarian

Fred A. Clarke

Membership

Harold R. Klein, Henri Ripstra,
Francis E. Dorsey, Chester Poderski

Publicity

Herbert J. Shaner, Jr.,
Lee F. Hewitt, Hugh M. Knight

Editor of Chatter

Herbert J. Shaner, Jr.
1912 E. Willow, Wheaton, Illinois

Sergeant At Arms

E. L. Salisbury, C. Sam Carlson

A.N.A. Club Representative

August F. Hausske

CLUB LIBRARY UNDER DISCUSSION

Fred Clarke, CCC Librarian, presented some interesting observations concerning the club library at the January meeting. It was pointed out that the library has had very little use by the members in the last year, or, as a matter of fact, in the last five years. Such apparent lack of interest posed several questions. The chief one being: "Should the club attempt to maintain a library?" Several ideas were presented from the floor and it was finally decided that the Board

should examine the subject thoroughly and make a report to the club at a later date. The editor of the Chatter was asked to devote a portion of each Chatter for the purpose of listing a few of the books which can be found in the club library.

The Library is located in the offices of Fred Clarke in Room 901 at 69 W. Washington Street in the loop. The offices are open five days a week from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The library contains over 200 works. A list of books available in the library will appear in the March issue of the Chatter.

AUCTION TO BE HELD IN MARCH

Philip J. More, Auction Chairman, announced that the first auction of 1959 will be held in March. He asks that good material, "the kind you like to get", be turned into either himself, Nathan Eglit or Howard Ecklund at the February Meeting.

CCC MEMBERS ATTEND FUN CONVENTION

The August Hausskes, the Vernon Sheldons and Mat Jackson attended the Florida United Numismatists' Convention held January 8-11, in Jacksonville, Florida. A fine time was had by all. August's Commemorative exhibit won a second award. The last report has it that Mat was bound for the Bahamas, Jamaica or both.

MEMBERSHIP BUTTONS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

The new membership buttons will be ready and waiting for their owners at the February meeting.

1959 DUES PAYABLE NOW

Time is growing short to get in your 1959 dues. Regular Membership dues is \$5, Non-Residents are \$1.50 and Associates are \$1. Send dues to our new Secy.-Treas. Mrs. Judy Sabel at 6026 "B" N. Winchester Avenue, Chicago. Or you can bring them to her at the meeting.

NEW LINCOLN AND OLD

It is curious to note that the very month in which the country is awaiting the distribution of the New Lincoln cent is also the same month in which the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln awaits its fate. The home at 1234 Lake Shore Dr. was scheduled to be razed in January. Its execution was stayed pending a court decision on whether or not a certain type building could be erected in its place.

While awaiting the decision, the Cleveland Wrecking Company was besieged with calls and letters asking for mementos from the home which was built by Robert in 1893. People wanted door knobs, mantles, paneling and, in short, anything that could be had. One college president has phoned the wrecker every day since the story of the razing was released.

Several days ago, Titus Haffa, wealthy Chicago industrialist, bought the building for something around \$200,000.00. He thought that he could donate the building to the state or city for a museum. Then he took a look at it and discovered that the home, which has been for several years a rooming house, was beyond saving for anything. He stated that his unseen buy was no bargain and "had to go."

It is anybody's guess what will happen next, but it looks like Robert Lincoln's home will fall under the wrecker's hammer.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Incorporated, Illinois, January 19, 1938

Balance Sheet at December 31, 1957 and December 31, 1958
(Reported in Whole Dollars)

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
<u>Cash in Bank</u>		<u>\$ 442</u>	<u>\$ 457</u>
<u>Securities Owned (at cost)</u>		<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
Two U.S. Bonds Series "J" \$100 par value			
<u>Property Account</u>			
18 Exhibit cases at cost.	188		188
3 Wooden Shippers at cost			
(including 1958 purchase \$47)	133		86
Steel filing cabinet... 4 drawer legal size	50		50
	<u>\$ 371</u>		<u>\$ 324</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$1029</u>		<u>\$ 997</u>

Members' Equity: Non-distributable
1958 - 197 members. 1957 - 217 members.

Treasurer's Report of Income, Expenditures, Etc.
For The Year Ended December 31, 1957.
(Reported in Whole Dollars)

Balance December 31, 1957		
Regular account	\$ 174	
Buletln account	<u>283</u>	<u>\$ 457</u>

<u>Income</u>			
<u>Dues Collected</u>		<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
Regular	106 \$ 530	57	\$ 285
Associate	13 13	8	8
Non-Resident	18 27	7	10
Junior	<u>3 5</u>	<u>2 3</u>	
	140 \$ 575	74	\$ 306
			881

Net income from Club Auctions	\$ 967	
Gross receipts		
Less Pmts to Members and		
cost of printing (\$62)	<u>933</u>	<u>34</u>
		915

<u>Less Expenditures</u>		
Rent	\$ 240	
Exhibit case shipping container	47	
Biannual Bulletins (1957 issue)	150	
Stationery & supplies	160	
Postage	161	
All Day Meeting (Gross Revenue \$715)		
Less expenses (exclusive of medals)	(55)	
Medals (Merit, Exhibit, Literary)	106	
Secretary's reimbursement	30	
Miscellaneous (floral pieces, dues, etc)	<u>91</u>	<u>\$930</u>
Net expenditures in excess of income		(15)
BALANCE, December 31, 1958		<u>\$442</u>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership by Classes	Regular	Associate	Non-Resident	Junior	TOTAL
As of December 31, 1958.					
Total membership as of December 31, 1957 was 217.					

Medal Awards during 1957

Medals of Merit for outstanding numismatis achievement and service awarded to Elston G. Bradfield, and Joseph Unselvig.
Exhibit Medals for best exhibits at October 4th All Day Meeting awarded to: Harry X. Boseel, Mike Dolnick, Dr. Fpps,
James T. Harris, Mrs. Marcela Sheldon, Glenn B. Smedley.
Literary Award to Glenn B. Smedley.

J. Thomas Nolan
Secretary-Treasurer

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485th MEETING

JUNE, 1959

JUNE MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1959, 8 P.M. - Pine Room, Congress Hotel

The June meeting will feature a talk on Mat Proofs by Henri Ripstra and a coin quiz conducted by Mr. Hugh Knight.

Remember that July is auction meeting once again, so if you have any material you would like to sell, bring it along. Phil More and his auction committee will be glad to take any consignments you might have.

MAY EXHIBITS

Glen Smedley.....
Hundredth meeting tokens of various coin clubs from 1903 (Designed by Henri Ripstra) to 1959 (Oak Park's)

Mr. Fister.....
Official medals issued to commemorate the centennial of the petroleum industry. Fourteen medals of individual companies that used the reverse side of the official medal for their own insignia.

l. T. Kopicki.....
\$5.00 and \$10.00 demand notes on Boston dated Aug. 10, 1861, \$10.00 compound interest notes (the accrued interest on each note is \$1.94), \$20.00 compound interest notes of 1864 (accrued interest is \$3.88), and \$10.00 4% refunding certificates dated April 1, 1879.

James Harris.....
Four coins of Spain and Portugal used in Colonial America, Doubloon of 1768 Mexico City Mint Chas. III, Pistole (cob) Escudo Phillip II 1556-98, Excelente or Ducat Charles and James 1516-56, Portugal Cruzado 500 Reis of Sebastian 1557-78.

Mr. Jonas.....
45 different street car tokens of 1921 in Nuremberg showing statues of famous people, castles, and buildings. Nuremberg Furth Rail 100 - 150 - 200 P.F. of 1921. Silver medal State Board of Agriculture 1877.

BOARD MEMBERS MET IN MAY

The board members held a meeting in the Webster Hotel in latter part of May. The chief business of the evening was formulating plans for the Chicago Coin Club Annual Fall Festival--a name which

the group agreed upon in an effort to get away from the awkwardness of "event" or "all-day-affair."

The group who found the Webster Hotel are to be congratulated for it seems ideal. All the events will be held on two floors, with the second floor serviced by a private elevator which opens to our space. Right across from Lincoln Park, parking will be more than adequate with both hotel and public space available.

Our own auction committee will handle the auction which will be composed of donated and consigned lots. The committee is striving to assemble the finest material available to afford a really outstanding two session auction. The donated part of the auction will consist of only 50 lots while the bulk of the lots will be consigned. It has been some three or four years since a donated auction has been held, and it is being held this time to help defray our expenses. Be thinking about it!

Other announcements will be made at the meeting and will be reported here each month. Tickets for the banquet will be \$4.25.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

LEONARD STARK recently spent three weeks in Michael Reese Hospital. Recovering rapidly. It has been reported that he lost a few pounds and gained a new location for his Central Coin Mart at 25 N. Dearborn. We'll be glad to see him at the meetings again.

The Coin Meet held at Rockford, Ill. on May 24th was well attended by CCC members. The event was a successful one all the way around with our Dick Rosholm taking First Prize for his fine Odd and Curious exhibit. l. T. Kopicki got Third Prize and Glenn Smedley received an Honorable Mention.

SEND NEWS ITEMS TO CHATTER EDITOR

The Chatter depends upon its readers for news! Do your part and send news items to-

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487th MEETING

AUGUST, 1959

August Meeting--Wednesday, August 12,
8 P.M., Pine Room, Congress Hotel

would like to get your idea also, so
give it some thought and bring your sug-
gestions and ideas to the August meeting.

The August meeting will be a Bourse Meeting, the first of a series of such meetings the club hopes to hold from time to time. Any or all members may bring material, set up shop and buy, sell, trade and talk. If you have ever had a yen to be a dealer, here is your chance! So don't be bashful, bring down some material and go into business for yourself--the more the merrier. The business meeting will be kept brief, so that there will be ample time for all transactions.

FALL FESTIVAL AUCTION MATERIAL

Last month members were asked for both donated and consigned material for the big auction to be held at the Fall Festival on August 17, at the Webster Hotel. Response has been very good, but there is room for much more material in both categories. The Fall Festival is going to be given a lot of publicity and we know that it will attract a big crowd. So we want the auction to contain nothing less than first quality silver and gold coins--the kind you like to buy.

Editor's Note:

Phil More, auction chairman, and his committee members will be on hand to take any material you wish to donate or consign at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Listed below are the members who have already contributed material for the donated section of the auction:

At this stage in the Chatter, the editor usually lists the new applicants for membership and the exhibits for the previous month. But alas, too many summer activities, i.e. pulling crab grass, trimming the hedge, has played havoc with an admittedly poor filing system and the notes are nowhere to be found. Please bear with me, and I'll promise to do better next month.

500TH MEETING MEDAL

The 500th meeting of the CCC occurs in September of 1960, and as has been mentioned previously, the club plans to issue a Medal to Commemorate this event. A committee under the Chairmanship of Vernon Sheldon was appointed to study the idea and bring before the club various ideas for the medal. They

Michael Dolnick
Nathan Eglit
Hugh Knight
Mrs. Green
Joe Merkel
Earnest Jonas
Phil More
Glen Smedley
Lee Hewitt
Elston Bradfield
Earl and Helen Brown

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Ted Pokorney is back at work this week after the recurrence of an illness of several years ago forced him to remain home for two or three weeks. Ted is going to have to take it slow, but we are happy to see him on the mend.

Our old friends, the Clyde Grimms, were in town on the 4th and 5th of August looking the very best of health--as brewed by California sunshine. After visiting their new granddaughter in Champaign they attended a dinner gathering at McGarry's Restaurant with over 37 of their old CCC friends. The good food, the remembrances and the conversation made it a very pleasant evening for everyone.

Speaking of old friends, Earl Brown is deeply appreciative of the cards and messages from his CCC friends. His address is 6330 Sheridan Road, Chicago 40.

Exhibit of Coins at Old Orchard Bank and Trust Co. During the celebration of the Old Orchard Bank and Trust Company's second anniversary, exhibits of paintings and coins will be held through August 14. U.S. Gold coins lent by the Chase Manhattan Bank and a display of counterfeit currency are being shown.

Many of our members are utilizing their summer vacations to attend the A.N.A. convention at Portland, Oregon, the last of this month. Some of them have already left, so as to allow plenty of time to catch all of the wonderful scenery between here and the northwest. Oregon is celebrating its Centennial Year, so visitors to Portland will see some of the extremely worthwhile exhibits which are on display in that city and throughout the state.

James Harris recently returned from a vacation trip to Canada. He saw some of the locks of the newly opened St. Lawrence Seaway and was on hand to see Queen Elizabeth in Montreal.

The Chatter needs news to exist--send all items to H. J. Shaner, Jr., 1912 E. Willow St., Wheaton, Ill.

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488th MEETING

SEPTEMBER, 1959

September Meeting

The September meeting should be a very interesting one, for there will be final reports on the October affair, a short, mid-meeting auction and some interesting comments on the Convention in Portland.

The short, 25 lot auction which will come during the regular intermission is being held more or less as an experiment. The auction committee under Phil More wants to determine whether the club would like to have more short auctions or fewer regular length auctions of the type we have been having every second month. The material is very good, but the auction list will be passed out at the meeting.

Remember to bring any ideas you have on the 500th Meeting Medals to the meeting with you.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club welcomes Mr. Simeon Wilson of 6704 N. Seeley Avenue, Chicago as a regular member.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Augustino G. Corona, Sr. of Chicago

AUGUST EXHIBITS

ERNEST JONAS.....Dollars of the world, Sweden 1544 Riksdaler, Papal State 1683 Scudo, China pattern dollar of 1916, Mexico Empire 1866 dollar of the Potosi mint, Philippine Islands 8 R. of 1828. Pressed coal money of 1922. Complete set of 100, 500, and 1000 mark of Rothembach Germany. Uncirculated U.S. (or Proof) Dollars of 1847, '49, '67, '69, '90 and the following trade dollars, 1878, '79, '80, '81, '82, and 1883.

I. T. KOPICKI.....Treasury or Coin Notes series of 1890 and 1891 including Series of 1890...\$1.00 Portrait of E.M. Stanton (Secretary of War during Lincoln's administration), \$10.00 Portrait of General Philip H. Sheridan, \$20.00 Portrait of John Marshall (Secretary of State 1800-1801), Series 1891 \$1.00 Portrait of E.M. Stanton, \$2.00 Portrait of General James McPherson, \$5.00 Portrait of

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General Thomas, \$10.00 Portrait of General Sheridan, \$20.00 Portrait of John Marshall, \$50.00 the famous and rare Seward note (He bought Alaska), The Treasury Department reports that there are twenty-five notes of this issue still outstanding.

L. HEWITT.....Die used for restriking the Wash. cent.

CHESTER PODERSKI.....Disc of Marshall Field's clock in tinfoil wrapped chocolate.

CLEM SMEDLEY.....Warrant for \$30.00 dated just one month after the Chicago Fire. Brass scales for weighing gold coins 1855.

FALL FESTIVAL NOTES

The Chicago Coin Club Annual Fall Festival, to be held at the Webster Hotel, 2150 N. Lincoln Park on October 17th, is fast moving into view and you want to make sure to set that Saturday aside. Plans are fairly complete and we know that it is going to be one of the finest ever held by our Club.

Here is a list of the Committee chairmen who are working hard to see that all goes smoothly: General Chairman, Mike Dolnick; Publicity Chairman, Hugh Knight; Exhibit Chairman, August Hausske; Auction Chairman, Philip More; Women's Chairman, Madeline Jonas; Registration Chairman, Judy Sable; Bourse Chairman, Herbert Shaner, Jr.; Ticket Chairman, Jim Duffy.

Our amiable President, Joe Merkle, is the chief trouble shooter and is doing a great job.

The Auction will be a two-part one featuring both consigned and donated lots. To insure first class material and higher prices, the percentages charged per lot has been raised to 15% for items other than gold and 10% on gold. 25¢ will be charged for unsold lots. The committee still can use more material, so remember to bring either consigned material or donated material to the September meeting.

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Listed below are the members who have already contributed material for the donated section of the auction: Michael Dolnick, Nathan Eglit, Hugh Knight, Mrs. Green, Joe Merkel, Ernest Jonas, Phil More, Glen Smedley, Lee Hewitt, Elston Bradfield, Earl and Helen Brown, I. T. Kopicki, August Hausske, Chester Poderski, Ben Odesser, Ted Pokorney

If you wish to exhibit and compete for the fine exhibit award medals, be certain to contact August Hausske. These awards are among the finest given anywhere and are well worth trying to win.

The Bourse will be held on the second floor of the Webster off the Exhibit room. Tables are available to dealers at \$10 without case and \$12.00 with one case. The chairman has sent out letters and we expect to have about 14 dealers.

The Banquet will feature one of the fine meals which the Webster is famous for, and entertainment. Exhibit and medal of merit awards will be given out at that time. Tickets are \$4.25 each and will be available at the September Meeting--get yours NOW!

Punch will be served to the ladies between 2 and 4 at the Hotel.

The day will be a big one and the setting will be one of the finest we have ever had--be sure and plan to attend. Right across from the Lincoln Park Children's Zoo. You can bring the family and guarantee an interesting and exciting day.

A special Chatter will be sent out, along with the Auction list, on the 7th of October.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND EVENTS

HOWARD SMITH will marry Miss Joan Weill in September---congratulations to both of them. Miss Weill was a June graduate of Northwestern University. The two will spend their honeymoon in Europe.

LEROY KURTZENBORN and The Saint, his very flashy 1910 Hupmobile Speedster, were a popular pair at the antique auto show at the State Fair in August. He calls the car a Saint "because a saint is a sinner who keeps trying, and when I got this car it was a sinner if I ever saw one." The car originally sold for \$750, but Leroy estimates that it cost
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over \$3400 to buy and restore the car to its original condition.

Another CCC member, Jim Hurlbut, made the news recently when he was made moderator of NBC's popular City Desk TV show. He has been with NBC in Chicago on radio and TV since 1947.

Mike Powill's home was looted on August 30, while the Powills were attending the convention in Portland. Part of the valuable collection of coins and medals was recovered when policeman Donald Suther noticed a suitcase and bag propped against a tree in Stanford Park in Chicago. We certainly hope that the remainder of the collection will be returned also.

The Oak Park Coin Club will hold its All Day Meeting in November, and Glenn Smedley will act as general chairman.

Remember the bookcases for our portable library? Chester Poderski donated the \$7.08 profit he made on the sale of Hugh Knight's book to the club to be used in constructing the cases. A very nice gesture and we all appreciate it--thank you, Chester!

R. G. Fister will open a coin shop near 26th and Oak Park Avenue in Berwyn some time this month. We will give you the exact date and location as soon as it is announced.

Tom Nolan recently proved that you can find valuable coins in circulation when he found not one but two 1916 D dimes! Both were in amazingly good condition.

REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR
BANQUET TICKETS FOR THE
OCTOBER 17TH, CHICAGO COIN
CLUB FALL FESTIVAL FROM
JIM DUFFY AT THE SEPTEMBER
MEETING.

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490th MEETING

NOVEMBER, 1959

NOVEMBER MEETING

Veterans
will be held on Wednesday, November 11, Armed Forces Day, at 8 P.M. in the Pine Room of the Congress Hotel. President Markle has designated this as Awards Night and you are invited to display your numismatic awards--they are all something to be proud of and all of us enjoy seeing them.

An interesting program has been lined up and will include a paper entitled "The Obligation Taler of Ludwig the First" by Mike Dolnick, which will be illustrated with slides. Dr. V. Clain-Stefanelli, Curator of the Numismatic Section of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. is going to be our guest and will show some slides of coins in the Smithsonian collection.

A Nominating Committee will be chosen to nominate a slate of officers for 1960.

MEMBERS ENJOY FALL FESTIVAL

Over three hundred members, guests and out-of-town visitors made the Annual Chicago Coin Club Fall Festival a memorable day on October 17. The meeting was held at the spacious Webster Hotel on Lincoln Park West.

There was plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the exhibits, bourse and auction and the day's activities went off without a hitch. The exhibit and bourse were located on the mezzanine and these two large rooms were decorated with handsome coin blow-ups by Hugh Knight. Five bourse dealers were in attendance.

The auction under the chairmanship of Phil More was an outstanding success and brought some very nice prices--which are listed elsewhere in the Chatter.

Elston Bradfield, Lee Hewitt, Jim Thompson and Mike Powills took turns at auctioning the 250 lots.

The day was climaxed with a banquet which saw 91 members in attendance. A special and honored guest, Mr. Paul Vincze, sculptor-designer from London, England, was introduced by Elston Bradfield.

Awards were given to the following people:

Exhibit Awards--

Howard Ecklund, Nathan Eglitte, Harry Flower, Mrs. Evelyn Hausske, Phil More.

Medals of Merit--

Ernest Jonas and Herbert Shaner.

Literary Award--

Nathan Eglitte

Past President's Medal--

Ted Pokorney.

As the diners took their places at the Banquet tables, they found several favors, the most notable of which was a half-dollar size brass token which was stamped "Chicago Coin Club Fall Festival 1959" on one side and a quotation from Hamlet, "To Thine Own Self Be True", on the other. The club wishes to thank Nathan Eglitte for these souvenirs of the day.

And speaking of thanks, a great big hand goes to all of the committee chairmen and people who worked so hard to make the day a success.

General Chairman--Mike Dolnick

Auction Chairman--Phil More, with Jim

Duffy, Howard Ecklund and Nathan Eglitte

Exhibit Chairman--August Hausske with William Hoppe

Layout and Decorations--Glenn Smedley and Hugh Knight

Ladies' Activities--Mrs. Jonas and Mrs. Hausske.

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WILLIAM R. CASE PASSES AWAY

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of William R. Case of 214 E. Clark St., West Frankfort, Illinois, on Sunday, November 1. He was a member of the club since 1949. The club wishes to extend its sympathy to Mrs. Case and members of the family.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

VERNON SHELDON, Chairman of the Medal Committee, wishes to thank all members who have submitted ideas for the 500th Meeting Medal. He reports that several have been turned in, but if you have any last minute ideas on the subject, he will be glad to get them at the November meeting.

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We were certainly glad to see Earl Salisbury at the Fall Festival, for it signaled a recovery from the operation which he underwent in September.

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Sculptor-Designer Paul Vincze and his wife, Betty, sent the club a note of thanks through Elston Bradfield "for the sincere and warm hearted reception given by the Chicago Coin Club." He noted that the club made his visit to Chicago especially memorable.

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We are glad to report that Miss Eleanor Jonas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jonas, is recovering very nicely from a recent illness.

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MAURY FRIEDMAN, long time CCC member, recently purchased the Devon Stamp and Coin Shop at 2314 W. Devon. The shop offers a full line of coins, stamps and supplies. We wish him well in his new venture.

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The Oak Park Coin Club is holding its annual All Day Meeting on November the 15th at the Oak Park Arms Hotel. It is always a fine meeting. This year it will be under the chairmanship of Glenn Smedley.

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Time is running out for those who have not sent for their 1959 Proof Sets. The cost is \$2.10 per set. Certified check or money orders should be sent to Mrs. Rae Biester, Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia 30, Pa. Orders must be placed for sets of 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 or multiples of 100.

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OCTOBER 17TH AUCTION PRICES

Listed below are a few of the auction lots and the prices they brought at the Fall Festival.

1915 Lincoln Cent, unc.	\$ 8.00
1917S Lincoln Cent, enc.	10.00
1794 Large Cent, good	9.00
1802 Large Cent, fine	7.50
1865 2 Cent piece, proof	28.00
Isabella quarter, au	30.00
1949 Canada Mint Set	9.00
Roll unc. 1947 Lincoln Cents	20.00
\$1 Educational Note, vf	22.00
1853 \$1 Gold, unc	21.00
1939S Jeff. 5¢, unc	9.50
1907 2½ Gold, unc.	17.00
1872H Canada 25¢, unc	15.00
Grant Comm. with star, unc.	88.00

We again wish to thank all of those people who were kind enough to donate auction material to the club. Their names are the following:

Tom Nolan, Tom Shugru, R. Fister, M. Jackson, Chester Poderski, Ben Dreiske, Harry Flower, Ruth Green, I.T. Kopicki, Glenn Smedley, E. Jonas, M. Dolnick, Joe Merkel, Phil More, August Hausske, Hugh Knight, Ben Odesser, Ted Pokorney, Lee Hewitt, Earl and Helen Brown, Nathan Eglitte, Louis Castelli, Leonard Stark, Vernon Sheldon, B. Marshfield, N. Olson, S. Genualdi, Jim Doak, Arlie Slagaugh, Elston Bradfield.



WE WISH

MEMBERS OF THE
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A HAPPY

THANKSGIVING DAY

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491st MEETING

DECEMBER, 1959

MEETING NIGHT DECEMBER 9TH

CLUB ELECTION IN DECEMBER

At the last meeting of the CCC, a nominating committee composed of Elston Bradfield, Phil More, Ted Pokorney and Mike Powills, and under the chairmanship of I.T. Kopicki was appointed to select a slate of officers. They nominated the following slate for 1960:

President-----Glenn Smedley
Vice Pres.----Hugh Knight
2nd V.P.-----Mike Dolnick
Sect.-Treas.--To be named

Directors:

Nathan Eglit
Joe Merkle
Herb Shaner

Any members in good standing may, in accordance with the by-laws, present a slate of officers at the December meeting. They must, of course, have consent to serve from the candidates.

The club will elect officers and directors Wednesday evening.

The ladies will again hold their annual Christmas Grab Bag. The ladies are requested to bring a small dollar gift for the Grab Bag. Be on hand for the fun!

NEW MEMBER

Charles N. May
7215 Coles Ave., Chicago

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

W. Edward Fritz
301 North Douglas
Arlington Heights, Ill.

NOVEMBER EXHIBITS

Nathan Eglit--A group of recent medals including the Alaska Statehood half dollar size Medal, the Oregon Centennial Medal, Henry Hudson 350th Anniversary Medal and others.

Ernest Jonas--At the behest of a fellow member, Jonas was persuaded to bring down a few examples of fine numismatic art. 20 medals, which included Martin Luther, George II and Lincoln, were shown. Ernest gave a short explanation for each piece in the fine display.

Mike Powills--A collection of Parthian coins covering all the sovereign heads from 212 B.C. until the Sassanians took over about 226 A.D. In a remarkable state of preservation.

Richard Rosholm--An Odd & Curious exhibit which included rare and beautiful pieces from all over the world. Rosholm gave a very interesting and detailed talk about his exhibit.

Through the use of colored slides, Dr. V. Clain-Stefanelli, Curator of the Numismatic Section of the Smithsonian Institute, exhibited and talked on some of the coins in the Smithsonian collection in Washington, D.C.

Mike--Dolnick illustrated his paper, "The Abdication Taler of Ludwig the First" with slides which he made.

WARREN KIMBALL PASSES AWAY

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Warren H. Kimball of Indian Rock Beach, Florida. He died of a heart attack on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Mr. Kimball formerly lived in Oak Park, Illinois, and he had been a member of the club since 1953. He was a chemist until his retirement two years ago.

Club members will remember him as being a very hard worker who possessed the ability to impart his knowledge of numismatics to others.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Kimball and members of the family.

MINT COINS NOW AVAILABLE

Uncirculated 1959 coins may be purchased in sets only from the Treasury Department. A set consists of one coin from each mint at \$2.40 per set. Any number of sets from one to 80 may be ordered by sending a certified check or postal money order, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the U.S., to the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, CASH DIVISION, Washington 25, D.C.

The department is now accepting orders, and they will begin to mail orders on Jan. 1, 1960 and continue through Dec. 31, 1960 or until such sets are exhausted.

The department warns that although the best of regularly minted coins are used, the coins may not be entirely free of scratches and scars.

PROOF Coins are also available at the same price as last year, \$2.10 per set, and in the same prescribed amounts - 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 or multiples of 100. These sets may be obtained by writing the Supt. of the Mint, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. Send only certified check or Postal Money Order in the exact amount.

DUES ARE DUE AT DECEMBER MEETING

It seems hard to believe, but another year has passed, and 1960 dues to the CCC are due and payable. So before you order those proof or mint coins, why don't you give the Secretary a big lift and get your dues in now! Regular memberships are \$5, Non Residents are \$1.50 and Associates are \$1. You can bring your check or cash to the meeting where membership cards will be awaiting you. If you wish, you can mail your check to Secretary Judy Sabel at 6026B N. Winchester, Chicago.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mike and Mrs. Powill's home was robbed on November 27th for the second time this year. The first robbery occurred in August. Only coins were taken each time.

Mike's misfortune is certainly a hard one to bear and he has our complete understanding.

Joe Merkle, we are happy to report, is out of the hospital and back at work after an illness.

When you are making out your Christmas cards this year, remember that Earl Brown will appreciate hearing from his fellow club members. His address is: Lakeview Home, 6330 Sheridan Rd., Chicago 40, Ill.

Correction...Last month we failed to mention that Dick Rosholm was a winner of an Exhibit Award Medal at the CCC Fall Festival on October 17th. The exhibit he had at the November meeting could have taken a prize at anyone's convention also.....Many clubs give prizes or points for the best exhibits at regular meetings, but after viewing the four or five exhibits at the November meeting and realizing that they were all unique and extremely interesting, we were struck with the fact that the CCC could not very well offer monthly awards. We would either run out of judges or first place ribbons--the first would hurt the membership and the second would break the treasury.

Numismatics or some branch of it seems to be everywhere we look these days. The Daily News of November 27th featured a story on the flight of U.S. Gold--a problem which began to hit the papers in a small way last spring and summer. The story explained--we are importing more than we are exporting--and where the gold is going--actually it stays here but it is credited to the accounts of other countries. Our gold reserves have always fluctuated, but the drain on our reserves has been especially heavy this year and last. Time magazine also ran a big story on the problem in the last week of November. The December Reader's Digest ran an article on Thomas De La Rue & Co., the largest printer of currency in the world. The article is well worth reading, for it explains many of the new safeguards against counterfeiting and tells of the painstaking work involved in printing currency.

The other day we asked Mike Dolnick if he would write a little poem or something about Christmas and the club for the Chatter. He said that he doubted it, but would let us know either way in a week. Two days later, "At Christmas" was ready! Thanks, Mike.

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